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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CHRISTODOULOU ET AL.

Examiner

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-19 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-19 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 July 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/13/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the application filed on October 13, 2006. Claims 1, 10, 20 and 22 are amended. Claims 2, 10, 20 and 21 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3-6, 8,9, 11-19 and 22 are pending. Claims 1, 3-6, 8,9, 11-19 and 22 represent a method of providing a sub-page of a website.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 3-6, 8,9, 11-19 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bates et al. US Patent No. 6,751,777. Bates teaches the invention as claimed including activating a multi-target link (see abstract).

As per claims 1, 10, 20 and 22 Bates teaches a method, web server and web page for providing a sub-page of a website to a requesting client comprising the steps of:

(a) sending to the client, with a copy of a first web page, a plurality of links each of which points to an address within the Internet of a server on which a copy of the sub-page is hosted (a client accessing a multi-link web page through a browser; column 6, lines 15-50; column 5, lines 54-66; column 7, lines 25-35; Figure 4 (70); Figure 6 (136);

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(b) actuating one of the links (client clicks on a link and activates it; Figure 4(72); Figure 5 (86) Figure 6(136); column 9, lines 13-40 ;

(c) determining, on the basis of a predetermined criterion, whether actuation of said one of the links has been successful in obtaining the sub-page (determining whether the link is active or not; Figure 11, Figure 6 (172-174); column 10, lines 1-24);

(d) if not, actuating another of the links; and repeating steps (c) and (d) until the first to occur of: all of the links have been actuated; and actuation of a link has been successful in accordance with the predetermined criterion (if link is not active, determining the next link in the series of multi target links; column 10, lines 48-50; column 11, lines 43-54; Figure 6 (176-180); Figure 11 (260-253).

wherein the links are actuated in a predetermined order established prior to dispatch to the client (the chronological link order is determined independent of the client; Figure 11 (262), column 14, lines 44,46-47,52-55).

As per claims 3 and 12 Bates teaches the method according to claims 1 and 10 further comprising the step of displaying an alias for each actuated link at the client (Figure 23 (608-616)).

As per claims 4 and 13 Bates teaches a method according to claim 3 and 11, wherein the alias is an address of a server adapted to translate the alias to an address of a server hosting a copy of the sub-page (column 7, lines 25-35).

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As per claim 5 Bates teaches a method according to claim 3 wherein the alias is displayed on a graphical user interface of a program running on the client which is adapted to enable user navigation of the internet (column 23, lines 1-20).

As per claims 6 and 14 Bates teaches a method according to claims 3 and 13 wherein the alias displayed is the same for each of the links actuated (column 7, lines 25-67; column 8, lines 61-67)).

As per claims 8 and 15 Bates teaches a method according to claim 1 and 11 wherein the predetermined criterion is whether, within a predetermined period of time, a predetermined step in a process of establishing connection with a secondary server has been reached (column 14, lines 8-15)

As per claims 9 and 16 Bates teaches a method according to claims 8 and 15 wherein the predetermined step is completion of a connection with a secondary server (column 6, lines 15-50).

As per claim 17 Bates teaches a method according to claim 11 wherein where the same links are sent to different clients, the predetermined order in which the links are actuated is varied (the size link is distributed in a different order based on user requirement; column 7, lines 25-60; column 8, lines 1-60; column 13, lines 5-41).

As per claim 18, Bates teaches method according to claim 11 wherein the plurality of links sent to a first client machine and the plurality of links sent to a second client machine are different at least in respect of one address of a server hosting the sub-page (the size link is distributed in a different order based on user requirement; column 7, lines 25-60; column 8, lines 1-60; column 13, lines 5-41).

As per claim 19, Bates teaches a method according to claim 18 wherein each link in the plurality of links sent to a first client points to an address of a server which is not replicated in any of the plurality of links sent to a second client (the size link is distributed in a different order based on user requirement; column 7, lines 25-60; column 8, lines 1-60; column 13, lines 5-41).

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed October 13, 2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. The Office action notes the following arguments filed on October 13, 2006:
 - a. Bates does not teach the claimed feature that "each link is actuated."
3. In response to
 - (a) Bates teaches that each document or html page corresponding to each link, which is presented in a specific order, is retrieved and processed. See column 14, lines 44,46-47,52-55. On page 6 of the specification of the current application, it is disclosed that actuation causes the browser program within the client to seek connection to a predetermined IP address at which the subject matter signified by that link is located. This is taught by Bates by the cited portion of the reference where Bates teaches that a

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chronological list of links is built from criteria set before the links are processed. Once the links are set in a specific order, they are processed in that order. This process is defined by bates as retrieving the document related to the link.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uzma Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3995. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday 5:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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